

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the new claims as shown below:

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~~17~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~3~~, wherein the stretch tape having a shorter length than a determined length is mounted to the second crotch cloth piece while being stretched.

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~~18~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein the stretch tape having a shorter length than a determined length is mounted to the second crotch cloth piece while being stretched.

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~~19~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~8~~, wherein:

the second crotch cloth piece is formed by joining two cloth pieces on front and rear sides together by sewing;

a length of a longitudinal center line of each of the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides is approximately the same as a determined length;

a length of right and left edges of each of the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides is shorter than a determined length;

the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides have opposed edges to be joined, each edge expanding in a convex form; and

the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides are joined by sewing at their edges expanding in a convex form.

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~~20~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein:

the second crotch cloth piece is formed by joining two cloth pieces on front and rear sides together by sewing;

a length of a longitudinal center line of each of the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides is approximately the same as a determined length;

a length of right and left edges of each of the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides is shorter than a determined length;

the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides have opposed edges to be joined, each edge expanding in a convex form; and

the two cloth pieces on front and rear sides are joined by sewing at their edges expanding in a convex form.

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~~21~~. (New) The garment according to claim 1, wherein a stretch tape is mounted on the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece.

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~~22~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~2~~, wherein a stretch tape is mounted on the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece.

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~~23~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~3~~, wherein a stretch tape is mounted on the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece.

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~~24~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein a stretch tape is mounted on the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece.

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~~25~~. The garment according to claim ~~2~~, wherein:

at least one of a thickness and a knitted or woven density of an elastic fiber yarn in a knitted or woven fabric forming the second crotch cloth piece are increased in vicinities of the right and left edges or in vicinities of right and left edges and in vicinity of the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece and thereby

a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece, or a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges and a straining force in vicinity of and in a direction along the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece are increased further.

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~~26~~. The garment according to claim ~~2~~, wherein:

at least one of a thickness and a knitted or woven density of an elastic fiber yarn in a knitted or woven fabric forming the second crotch cloth piece are increased in vicinities of the right and left edges or in vicinities of right and left edges and in vicinity of the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece and thereby

a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece, or a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges and a straining force in vicinity of and in a direction along the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece are increased further.

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27. The garment according to claim 4, wherein:

at least one of a thickness and a knitted or woven density of an elastic fiber yarn in a knitted or woven fabric forming the second crotch cloth piece are increased in vicinities of the right and left edges or in vicinities of right and left edges and in vicinity of the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece and thereby

a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges of the second crotch cloth piece, or a straining force in vicinities of and in directions along the right and left edges and a straining force in vicinity of and in a direction along the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece are increased further.

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28. (New) The garment according to claim 1, wherein both the crotch cloth piece of the garment main body and the second crotch cloth piece are made of a woven or knitted fabric that is not waterproofed.

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29. (New) The garment according to claim 2, wherein both the crotch cloth piece of the garment main body and the second crotch cloth piece are made of a woven or knitted fabric that is not waterproofed.

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30. (New) The garment according to claim 3, wherein both the crotch cloth piece of the garment main body and the second crotch cloth piece are made of a woven or knitted fabric that is not waterproofed.

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31. (New) The garment according to claim 4, wherein both the crotch cloth piece of the garment main body and the second crotch cloth piece are made of a woven or knitted fabric that is not waterproofed.

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32. (New) The garment according to claim 1, wherein the second crotch cloth piece is made of a knitted fabric selected from a raschel knitted fabric and a tricot knitted fabric that are not waterproofed.

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33. (New) The garment according to claim 2, wherein the second crotch cloth piece is made of a knitted fabric selected from a raschel knitted fabric and a tricot knitted fabric that are not waterproofed.

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34. (New) The garment according to claim 3, wherein the second crotch cloth piece is made of a knitted fabric selected from a raschel knitted fabric and a tricot knitted fabric that are not waterproofed.

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35. (New) The garment according to claim 4, wherein the second crotch cloth piece is made of a knitted fabric selected from a raschel knitted fabric and a tricot knitted fabric that are not waterproofed.

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36. (New) The garment according to claim 2, wherein a cross section of the second crotch cloth piece in width direction when the garment is in use has an approximate W-shape such that vicinities of the right and left edges and the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece rise toward a body of a wearer.

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37. (New) The garment according to claim ~~3~~, wherein a cross section of the second crotch cloth piece in width direction when the garment is in use has an approximate W-shape such that vicinities of the right and left edges and the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece rise toward a body of a wearer.

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38. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein a cross section of the second crotch cloth piece in width direction when the garment is in use has an approximate W-shape such that vicinities of the right and left edges and the longitudinal center line of the second crotch cloth piece rise toward a body of a wearer.

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39. (New) The garment according to claim 1, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin.

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40. (New) The garment according to claim ~~2~~, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin.

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41. (New) The garment according to claim ~~3~~, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin.

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42. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein the absorbent article is a sanitary napkin.

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~~43~~. (New) The garment according to claim 1, wherein the garment is selected from the group consisting of a short panty, a girdle, a bodysuit and a leotard.

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~~44~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~2~~, wherein the garment is selected from the group consisting of a short panty, a girdle, a bodysuit and a leotard.

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~~45~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~3~~, wherein the garment is selected from the group consisting of a short panty, a girdle, a bodysuit and a leotard.

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~~46~~. (New) The garment according to claim ~~4~~, wherein the garment is selected from the group consisting of a short panty, a girdle, a bodysuit and a leotard.

REMARKS

Claims 17-46 are added.

Claims are added to correspond to the claims canceled without prejudice in the first preliminary amendment.

The specification is amended to place the application in standard US patent format.

No new matter is added.